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COMPUTER ASSISTED CONTROL CAPABILITIES
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In response to the Office Action of December 1, 2004, transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of December 1, 2004. The extended period for response expires on April 1, 2005. Please charge the \$60.00 (small entity) extension fee and any other fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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